



ATTACHMENT B

REMARKS

By this amendment, the prior amendment to Claim 1 has been made in the manner prescribed by the Examiner, and Claims 2-30 remain unchanged and pending. Since the amendment is responsive to the specific requirement of the Examiner, and since the acceptance of the amendment will result in placing this application in condition for allowance, the amendment should be entered.

In the Official Action, the Examiner indicated that Claims 1-30 were free of the prior art, and this indication is acknowledged with appreciation.

With regard to Applicants' prior amendment to Claim 1, the Examiner's only objection was that the form of the amendment did not comply with MPEP 1453. Without addressing the merits of this argument, the objection has been overcome in the present amendment wherein the changes to Claim 1 now illustrate how this claim differs from the original patented Claim 1. Accordingly, the Examiner's objection has been traversed.

Finally, the Examiner required a Supplemental Oath of the inventors. Without addressing the merits of this requirement, Applicants have overcome the objection by submitting herewith an executed version of the Supplemental Oath of the type that was provided by the Examiner in the Final Rejection.

In light of the fact that the present amendments and attached Supplemental Oath now overcome the only outstanding objections to the claims, and in light of the fact that the Examiner has acknowledged that the claims remain free of the prior art, entrance of the present amendment will result in placing this case in condition for allowance.

Entrance of the amendment and allowance of the present application are thus respectfully requested.

END OF REMARKS